

I am against the new proposals to remove the current media restrictions. I think the rush to vote on this deregulation shows that the FCC is not doing its job in protecting the public interest. The fact that the polls show that 90% of the population is completely unaware of the changes that could soon take place is a perfect example that the mass media already have too much power to bury and control information to which the public should have easy access. The fact that Mr. Powell is quietly rushing this vote through instead of shouting out to the public demonstrates that the FCC may have ulterior motives and is not doing its job of protecting the public interest. I am against this deregulation.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech." Our founding fathers believed that a Democracy could exist only in the hands of a well-informed public. Putting the power of the media into fewer hands is the beginning of Fascism and the demise of Democracy. What are the intentions of the FCC? I have not heard them loudly and clearly expressed to the public. Why is there this mad rush to concentrate the media?

There definitely should be more public discussion on this matter!